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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/751,274	KOZLOWSKI ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-188 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-104 and 109-130 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 106, 107 and 132-188 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 105, 108 and 131 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/30/2006.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. Claims 105, 108 and 131 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamasaki et al. (WO 2001/48052). The published application filed under 35 USC 371 will be discussed for the benefit of its English language disclosure (US 2003/0219404).

The reference is directed to conjugates of polyalkylene glycols with terminal amino groups on polypeptides (abstract). Structure 9 of Table 1 meets the required polymer structure, and merely following the stated method of reaction with terminal amine of a polypeptide would result in the claimed conjugate.

2. Claim 105 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Juszczak et al. (Biochemistry 41 (2002) 376-385).

The reference shows the claimed conjugate at pg. 377, third and fifth drawn structures.

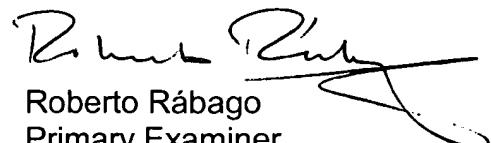
3. Claims 106, 107, 13²-188 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberto Rábago whose telephone number is

(571) 272-1109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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